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BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Thursday, August 5, 2021 20

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Ms. Campbell, present; Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Ms. Lommatzsch, present; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Frank Robinson, Police Chief; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Services Director; Gary Burkholder, Community Development Director, Dalma Grandjean, Law Director; and Katie Lewallen, Clerk of Council.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No members of council were absent.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Lohr stated they needed to add a piece of legislation related to the opioid settlement and their participation in it.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the amended agenda. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Mr. Denning motioned to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2021 work session and the July 22, 2021 special council meeting. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS: Council interviewed the applicants for various positions. Mayor Williams stated that Patricia Matheney submitted an applications expressing interest in both the Property Maintenance Appeals Board and the Health & Safety Commission. Property Appeals only meets as needed; Mr. Denning stated he thought they met once in the last seven years. The clerk stated she spoke with Mrs. Matheney asking if she would like to be appointed to both; she agreed. Mr. Denning motioned to appoint Patricia Matheney to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. All were favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Williams stated they had openings on the Health & Safety Commission and Mrs. Matheney was interested as was Ms. Alicia Hopkins. Ms. Hopkins expressed her interest in serving on the Health & Safety Commission. She has a background in teaching people about things relating to the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA). She stated that every city that has more than 50 employees has to have an ADA coordinator or a disabilities council. She wanted to be involved to help the city meet the requirement, but to also give insight to the ADA and making things more accessible and inclusive to people in Riverside. She added that she had won awards in the past for teaching people how to plan accessible events. She received recognition as the 2019 Unsung Hero in the Akron Beacon Journal for starting an art expo for people with disabilities and made it all inclusively accessible to people visually impaired. She also won awards on local and national levels. She is an artist as well. Mayor Williams thanked her for wanting to be involved in a citizen led commission. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch motioned to appoint Alicia Hopkins and Patricia Matheney to the Health & Safety Commission. Mr. Denning seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Williams stated they have two interested parties for the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Raymond Dowdell stated he works for the Greene County Parks and Trails. Mayor Williams stated it sounds like he brings expertise with him. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch

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motioned to appoint Raymond Dowdell, who goes by Eli, to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Mark Tragesser currently serves on the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Denning motioned to reappoint Mr. Tragesser to the Parks & Recreation Board. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Williams stated they have seven people interested in serving on the newly created budget committee. Mr. Franklin stated he is a 30-year veteran in the Air Force. He is interested in the budget committee to find out how in a fiscally constraint environment they can help the city project funds to the right places and provide services that the citizens need. He stated in the last 10 years of his military duty he was involved in higher headquarters level dealing with multi-million-dollar budgets, looking at project management, operational costs, personnel cuts, dealing with the fact that when you're congressional you can have "X" number of dollars and within two months have less. He currently works as a contractor in a program like this on base. He deals with tens of millions of dollar contracts per year as part of a team. It is a team event that is why they have to rely on each other and come together.

Mr. Charlie Shivers III stated he works as a senior defense analyst at the United States Government Accountability Office, GAO, at a field office on base for over 16 years. He has an MPA from Indiana University, where they did a lot of work with local governments. Ms. Fry reached out to him based on his background, which has been looking at DoD weapons systems as well as putting in a justification reviews for weapons systems. This piqued his interest as an opportunity to give back and to look on a local level as he reviews mostly federal. He has lived in Riverside four years.

Mr. Jim Zaidain was not present. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated he used to be on the tax appeals board, but currently isn't.

Ms. Kristy Ruiz stated she has been in Riverside for about 13 years. She works for Montgomery County and works with different members of Riverside. She stated her interests for serving are a little bit different as she would be interested to see the several projects going on in neighborhoods.

Mr. Reece Timbrook and Ms. Freda Patterson were not present.

Mr. Christopher Mark Carpenter stated he is recently retired. He is interested in the budget committee and a big proponent of it. It is a good idea and builds community trust between the administration and the residents. It also increases the amount of transparency. As members of the committee they can be advocates of what really is going on with the budget and how the money is spent. He is familiar with the budget and can provide some insight to the members and provide explanation and background.

Mr. Denning asked for clarity of having one primary and one secondary from each district and who should choose. Mrs. Franklin stated it is the citizen's committee and they should work that out rather than council choose. Ms. Fry agreed they should make the decision as they know their schedules better. Mr. Denning motioned to send letters of appointment to: Justin Franklin, Charles Shivers III, Jim Zaidain, Kristy Ruiz, Reece Timbrook, Freda Patterson, and Christopher Mark Carpenter to the budget committee. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. Mrs. Franklin asked if there was something stated that a person can only be on one board. Mr. Denning stated if only it was a charter commission, so BZA and Planning Commission. The clerk stated that a person can't be on planning and BZA at the same time, but there is a member on Health & Safety and also on the BZA. Mr. Denning added that a person can't be on the Charter Review Commission and planning or BZA. Those are charter commissions. The clerk stated that this is a committee and not a board or a commission. Mrs. Franklin stated it came up during the charter review. She just wanted clarification. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch asked how many people could serve on the budget committee. The clerk

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stated that 28 people could serve with one primary and one secondary from each precinct. It was determined that a quorum would be 50% of the appointed members. Mayor Williams stated they can make rules when they meet and can make recommendations. Mrs. Franklin added they technically aren't voting on anything other than their chair and secretary as they are advisory. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

The clerk stated they need to appoint ex-officio members to the Parks & Recreation Board. The two members previously appointed in Resolution No. 14-R-1923 are no longer active. She received notification that Rose Nolf and Ruth Waymire would like to be the ex-officio. They are with the Eintracht Singing Society and two ex-officio positions are indicated in the code for the Parks & Recreation Board. Mr. Denning motioned to appoint Ms. Nolf and Ms. Waymire as the ex-officio members for the Eintracht Singing Society representatives to the Parks & Recreation Board. Ms. Fry seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

The clerk asked if the budget committee could go meet out front to discuss when they would like to hold their first meeting. She has the guidelines for the budget committee. Mayor Williams called a brief recess at 6:27 pm. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch motioned for a five-minute recess. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

Council reconvened at 6:32 pm.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Chief Robinson indicated that everything was fine with the liquor permit request for D2B The Best Inc. DBA Dayton's Hidden Gem by Christopher's. Discussion was held where the location was. It would be used as a banquet hall for events. Council did not request a hearing.

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated any citizens who would like to speak should fill out a petition or sheet in the back and turn in to the clerk.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

A) Police Department – Chief Robinson stated they are still five officers down, but are working on things. Three are out on medical; one is an open position, and they have an officer starting next week. They use a national testing site and are having a hiccup with one of the applicants they thought they could hire, but found some things they did not care for. He is not hiring someone just to hire; he wants a person who will be a good fit and the background they want them to have. He stated there was recently an officer involved shooting and the officer is doing well. Whenever there is a critical incident, it is protocol to have that person see someone who is a specialist in the field of dealing with first responders. Sgt. Vance was sent to the therapist and he has been cleared and good to come back to work last night. He does a very good job.

Chief Robinson stated that they were pressed for time with the National Night Out to get everything done. It happened last Tuesday night. He thanked all the vendors that came out. He thanked 7-up for donating over 600 cans of pop and bottled water, Meijer for donating \$500 for the face painter and food. Colonial Village Apartments donated \$500 towards the face painter. They had more than one because there was a line for face painting for three hours. He thanked the Riverside Chamber of Commerce for \$100 towards the face painters, as well. Once the painters got there and got going they kept on from 5 pm – 8 pm, even a little after 8 pm. He thanked the service department; the people that work in the city always come together and make this event. It is everybody involved and not just police. The service department comes over and brings tables, trash cans, cones, whatever they need. He thanked the fire department for bringing over the vehicles as kids love them. Fire did a fantastic demonstration for the crowd; everybody loved it. Montgomery County brought their bomb squad, equipment, and their command vehicle. There were other multiple other vehicles from

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the city for the kids to go through. There were a lot of other vendors, Allstate, the Army; it was a fantastic deal all around the whole night. He added that Lynn Domescik pointed out Spin City Cotton Candy. She found these folks and invited them to the event. He showed up and he and his assistant were there and still spinning cotton candy at 8:40 pm while the PD was cleaning up. They said they wouldn't leave until everybody gets cotton candy. They offered to come back next year as well. They gave out about 135 lbs. of organic sugar. He stated that Officer Toscani took over the reigns of planning the whole event and getting everyone there and situated. Without him and the plans, it would not have gone as well as it did. He thanked the mayor and council for their support of the event. He stated it is truly a city effort and wants to have it every year.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch thanked Officer Toscani because she left her house open today and he was cruising the neighborhood and came by. When she got home a cruiser was in front of her house and he was checking to see she was okay. She was grateful for that.

Mayor Williams added that Officer Toscani was out Saturday morning helping with a 5K at Carroll High School. He loves this community, and the city is very fortunate.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch thanked Chief Robinson as well. She was in another community last night eating with that mayor and they were disappointed with their national night out. That mayor asked what was their success and she replied it is the people who make that happen. Chief Robinson stated he agreed. They gave 600 hot dogs out and as many chips and almost 637 of the drinks. It was a big crowd, and they had a good time.

B) Fire Department – Chief Stitzel stated they enjoyed the opportunity to work with everybody on National Night Out. It is a lot of fun to get out in the community and display some of the things they do. The auto extrication was a big hit; they plan on doing that every year. The new medic, Medic 6, went in service last Friday. It was on display at the National Night Out; they received a lot of great comments about it. The biggest comment is that it is such a smooth ride. The older medics are like riding in the back of a pickup. The liquid suspension system gives it a smooth ride. The crews are able to perform more procedures while in route to the hospital like starting IVs as they aren't bouncing down the road as much. He stated they will be bringing forward legislation at the next meeting to purchase another medic unit to replace the 2012 medic. They will secure funds through a loan, Republic Finance. They don't make the first payment until it is delivered in 9-12 months. In that time, they will look for other funding opportunities, but they are able to secure the money and ordered. If it is ordered before August 31, then it will save the city \$8,000. They really need this as the 2012 medic will maybe last another 9-12 months, but they will do what they can to make it last and get it replaced. They will still have two light duty trucks as back up medics and medium-duty diesels as the front line.

C) Public Service Department – Ms. Bartlett clarified that signs being installed on Sharp Road were 'No Parking' signs. They are up now. They are in the process of putting up all the new school zone signing starting with the schools opening first and working through to schools opening later. They plan to refresh all the school markings and crosswalks with paint using funds intended for Dura-patching as they were not able to do Dura-patching this year because of staff; they requested summer help and did not get that.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch asked for an update on East Springfield Street and to let the public know what to expect. Ms. Bartlett stated it should be next week; it keeps changing. She had a meeting with the paving program for 2021, and it is the same contractor that is doing the paving on East Springfield. She made them aware of the marathon deadline so they are shooting to have everything complete by September 1, 2021.

Ms. Campbell stated she noticed they were taking the lights down from Pleasant Valley, the crosswalk, taking the wires off the poles. Ms. Bartlett stated they are putting in crosswalks at Valley and Pleasant Valley and a crosswalk at Valley and Rohrer. Right now, the curb

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ramps are in and the signs will come up next followed by the striping. Ms. Campbell stated the kids don't understand the crosswalks because cars will not stop. Ms. Bartlett stated they will have signs up stating pedestrian crossing ahead and then the pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalk plus the paint striping, which isn't out there right now.

D) City Manager Report – Mr. Lohr stated the staff report is smaller as he received a number of suggestions from staff and council to make it more manageable in size. He kept the most important information for the council in there. If they have any comments or recommendations to let him know. He congratulated the police department for national night out. He stated the helicopter, Care Flight, was out there as well and was amazing. He stated there was some questions from the community about the tax proposal in November. The increased tax will be dedicated solely to police and fire. He reminded them that next Thursday is the joint session with council, planning commission, and the BZA. He stated it is a good opportunity to discuss the legalities of the BZA and the planning commission and how they can make sure they are performing the duties they need to in regard to that.

Mr. Denning asked about what was going on at the Morris Furniture building as a for sale/lease sign is up. He is concerned because they zoned it as industrial and if they sell it to someone else, then they don't have the promises from the original purchaser. Mr. Burkholder stated the sell went through. The hold up was that it had to be recorded at the recorder's office so it had to go to the auditor on the replat when the two parcels were combined. They couldn't close until that happened. They are now in design, so probably another 60 days on design. Mr. Denning stated the for sale/lease sign should probably come down so people aren't concerned about the situation. Mr. Burkholder stated they tried to coordinate as they couldn't find a contractor so the contractor they use for abatement they put in touch with Zach Williams, who is with Cobblestone Capital. Mr. Denning stated he had just been in touch with some concerned citizens.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated the sign at the old K-Mart property needs to be properly maintained or removed as it is falling down. Mr. Burkholder stated he was made aware of the sign and the mowing contractor propped it up and people thought the property was for sale again. She asked about a new business going into Spin-Kemp, a thrift store. He stated they are aware if they have already occupied the space. The zoning administrator is trying to make contact. Unfortunately, they have businesses that pop up and open up before going through the proper procedure. He stated they also work with the finance department to make sure the businesses are set up to get the proper permits and are properly registered with the tax collection agency. They are making strides in that integration so they get businesses compliant prior to their opening.

Mr. Maxfield asked Mr. Lohr if he could reiterate that council cannot change where the funds go with regard to the income tax. Mr. Lohr stated the ballot language and legislation both say it is dedicated to police and fire. They have to use the funds for that and they receive annual audits that will verify they are doing that.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

I) Ordinance No. 21-O-776 – An ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, by lighting the same with electricity. (2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-776. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

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Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 7:03 pm.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated they need to let the public know how to report their street light outage. It will save people from calling the city on what to do when their street light goes out. It will save staff time from having to deal with that. Mr. Lohr stated they will get something on social media about that.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- I) Ordinance No. 21-O-777 – An ordinance authorizing the city council to accept the material terms of the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement and to authorize the interim city manager to sign the OneOhio Subdivision participation form, and declaring an emergency. (1st & 2nd reading, public hearing, adoption)**

Mayor Williams stated on this ordinance they will be doing the first and second reading, public hearing, and potential adoption.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-O-777. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch motioned to suspend the rules that require the reading of an ordinance on two separate days. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

Roll call went as follows: Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denning motioned to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 21-O-777. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion. The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Williams closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

- I) Resolution No. 21-R-2696 – A resolution authorizing the interim city manager to enter into a contract with the lowest,**

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responsive and best qualified bidder, MKSK, Inc., for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Project.

Mr. Lohr stated this is to award the contract to the firm who will help the city with their comprehensive land use plan. Also, Resolution No. 21-R-7000 is to accept grant funds of \$50,000 that will offset a portion of that cost.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2696. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

II) Resolution No. 21-R-2699 – A resolution declaring the necessity of assessing numerous real property parcels located in the City of Riverside, Ohio for various types of curb and gutter repairs.

Mr. Lohr stated this legislation relates to assessing the cost of curb and gutter on the Honeyleaf Project.

Ms. Franklin motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2699. Mr. Denning seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

III) Resolution No. 21-R-2700 – A resolution authorizing the interim city manager to accept a Montgomery County Land Bank Planning Grant.

Mr. Lohr stated the \$50,000 grant will go towards the land use plan.

Mr. Denning motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-R-2700. Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams stated anyone wishing to speak should state their name, address, and keep comments to three minutes.

Ms. Terri Parrot, 992 Spinning Road, stated that new ADA ramp installations are going on in her neighborhood. She is not opposed; she is excited new things are going in and improvements. She is opposed to the placement of the ADA ramp in front of her house, which leads directly parallel to her front door, the alignment. She went to work and when she came home the cement was dug out and work was prepped to do. There was no way for her to stop the concrete poured. She is coming to council to ask if anything can be done before curbs are put in and street gets laid. She has lived here over 23 years and has been a resident of Riverside for over 30. They have had an issue with the crosswalk. She lives in a unique situation as she is the last house in Saville Estates at the top of hill. She has a "T" that comes from Eastman into Spinning. There is no good way to look at it. They have had white lines for the crosswalk; they have had the 'Abbey Lane' with the slashes coming across at an angle. She wanted to know the planning and review process for putting these things in; how much data and analyzing is done before they are installed. There needs to be a critical eye to make sure it is working correctly. Where she lives the sidewalk ends. There is no sidewalk for eight houses before the sidewalk picks up again on the east side of Spinning. There is a gap and people have to walk through yards until they get down the road to a sidewalk. The other thing that agitated her was the communication piece. Her specific address and others on Spinning did not get any type of notification in the mail that this was happening. She said she got no notification as well on the water main install; she had to look

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on the website or social media and she doesn't do that often. It is impacting her, the homeowner, and there should be some type of communication sent to homeowners. She looks at the website and sees the water main, the street improvements coming. The gentleman that came out with her questions before the pour told her the curbs will get replaced and street will be repaved. She asked what is coming next. Are they going to install the sidewalk gap; is she going to end up getting the RTA route at her helicopter landing pad at the front of her home. It is concerns of security, having the traffic, which used to route across the street to her house and end in her apron. Now, it is coming directly in front of her front door. She asked if traffic would come in her front yard and to her porch.

Mayor Williams thanked her for bringing it to their attention. Mr. Lohr stated they would get her in contact with Ms. Bartlett or a member of the service department, they can discuss her concerns to see if there is anything they can do.

Ms. Donna Bowman, 2608 Harshman Road, stated that she thinks the finance director answered her questions. On June 10, when council had a discussion about the income tax increase of 1% would put the city at 2.5%; she wondered about the reduced credit. She stated Mr. Garrett told her she would get back the full credit up to the 2.5%. She stated it has to go to the voters to have the tax increase, but it doesn't have to go to the voters to have a decrease for the credit limit as council can do that. She asked if they are looking at doing that if this does not bring in the revenue. If the increase passes that puts the tax rate to 2.5%, which most cities like Dayton and Oakwood are already at, that revenue will not increase more income in Riverside, and even withholding from people working from home it is still under state mandate they withhold from where they should have been reporting to work until the end of the year. However, it also says they can apply for a refund for 2021. She asked if it does not bring in revenue from the withholding, is council looking to do a reduced credit on the residents again. Mayor Williams stated the resolution and ordinance was to give the voters a chance to vote on a 1% increase and they would restore the full credit. That is in writing and is his intent. Mrs. Franklin stated the concern from the residents is they will be at 2.5% and if council decides at any point moving forward as they could, like in four years, they could take half the credit away. Mrs. Franklin stated that has not even been discussed; no one was even thinking that was going to be a possibility. Ms. Bowman stated she did not read it. She added that if they stayed at the .75% reduction then their effective rate would be 3.25%. If they went to half of the credit like it is at the 1.5%, then their effective rate for city tax would be at 3.75%. Mayor Williams stated that is not the intention of this council and not what they will ask the voters. Ms. Bowman stated she was asking the question as it makes a big impact on the residents and who is going to stay and work in the city. Mayor Williams reiterated their intention is to restore the 100% credit, ask the voters to consider a 1% increase for police and fire. They believe the revenue can work for them under those scenarios.

Ms. Jennifer Knapp, 5656 Sharp Road, stated she was representing a group of citizens who live on Sharp Road. It was mentioned earlier about the 'No Parking' signs on half the street. She stated most were not notified until yesterday as that was when they received letters. They are trying to understand how the decision was made. Everyone she has spoken to disagrees with it. She was told it was for safety. She has lived on the street 11 years and there have not been any accidents to her knowledge. She stated a lot of people in the area park on the street and it will cause some neighbor issues with people being blocked on one side. She feels as a neighborhood they should have the right to decide if this big of a change is going to happen. The entire neighborhood is the same and why is it happening on Sharp and not on Penn or Mayville where they have the exact same situation. They saw white flags in the yard and got on a Riverside concerned website on Facebook a few days ago, and then they got letters yesterday. They would like the opportunity as a neighborhood to be involved in this decision. Mr. Lohr stated that safety was a consideration and the letters went out to try and give the residents advance warning. He thinks Ms. Bartlett from the Service Department and Chief Robinson can explain the reasoning for the action and discuss her concerns with her. He will have one or both get with her. Mayor Williams stated if there is follow up after

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that to let the council know. They do value her opinion. He stated that hopefully this is the beginning of the process and questions can be answered.

Ms. Pat Matheney, 1132 Beatrice Drive, stated her concern was about the Morris Furniture area as it looks horrible in front. Also, when she asked Kroger when they would be starting work on the K-Mart building, they told her it would be 18 months or more. Mayor Williams stated that Kroger officials came to the BZA meeting last week and gave a timeline with a demo beginning this fall with a hope to have the store open next fall. She asked if someone could put paint on the walls with all the graffiti as it looks like a ghetto. Mayor Williams stated he doesn't disagree, but they are going to demolish the building. Mr. Lohr stated they will reach out and see if that can be taken care of. She stated there were some men standing in front of Morris Furniture so she knows somebody is looking after everything and she appreciated that.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Mr. Maxfield thanked the Riverside police and fire departments for the National Night Out as it was an amazing event, even though he didn't get attend due to football practice; it looked amazing.

Mrs. Franklin stated she knows there have been concerns about the income tax. One of the concerns was why not a levy versus an income tax increase. She went for the city tax increase as they have a lot of fixed income residents in the community. If she put a levy on the ballot to generate \$3.4 million that would be a levy close to 15 mill. That means people that have fixed income, those residents would be hurt by that. One of the things she initially said was that it is time for the older generation to pass the torch and one of the reasons she feels is important to step up. The income tax affects her. She wanted to reiterate that no matter where a resident works, they will only pay 2.5% income tax. Right now, they have residents that pay 1.5% and they have plenty of residents that pay 3.25%, so no matter where they work, who collects that is different, but no matter where they work, they will not pay more than 2.5% in income tax.

Mayor Williams thanked the partners present at National Night Out in addition to Riverside police and fire. Mad River Schools hosted the city and thanked Jenny Alexander, director of communications for MRLS, who set up a table to hand out books. He was able to be there at the very beginning as he had football practice that night. His sons could pick up a couple of books. Mr. Isaac from the Burkhardt Library, services a number of great schools in Riverside also was there. It truly is a celebration of the community in addition to Care Flight and Montgomery County. It was a fantastic time; it is like a big carnival and can't happen on its own. In addition to service and fire, the police were very supportive of the 5K at the other side of town on Saturday and it went very well. It is great to have these agencies come together to help citizens have a great Saturday and then a great Tuesday night.

Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch agreed with everything Mayor Williams stated. She stated that she was reappointed to the Montgomery County Fair Housing Board by the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Ms. Fry thanked city staff for launching a volunteer effort with Dan Ryan to paint the fire hydrants. It is a great partnership. Dan is looking for volunteers to help paint the 700 fire hydrants. Anyone interested can email him at dryan3165@gmail.com. Deputy Mayor Lommatzsch stated she talked to him the other night and if people volunteered to do the ones in their neighborhood it would be helpful. The fire and police department would be very appreciative. Chief Stitzel stated they are getting the paint and brushes from Montgomery County. If people go out to paint their own, it has to be the same color it currently is, a yellow trunk and a white bonnet as it is a county hydrant. Discussion was held on painting hydrants and coordination efforts. Mr. Denning stated that Mr. Ryan has maps of where hydrants are. They do not expect to get them done this year, but within a year, he expects he will try and get them done. A wire brush will be needed to clean off the rust then put the paint on. They

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were last painted 5 – 7 years ago. The city does not have manpower to do this, so the city needs volunteers to do it.

Mr. Denning stated there will be a movie in the park at Shellabarger Park on August 14. It is completely free. The movie will start around 8:45 – 9:00 pm. There will be free popcorn and sno-cones. The Jaycees are running it, and it is part of giving back to the community because the Flying Ace gave a nice donation to the Jaycees. This is a way to give back to the community. He thanked the police and fire and everyone involved with National Night Out. The Jaycees did 450 sno-cones and the line was long all night. There was a lot of participation. It came off better than some larger communities and it is because Riverside has dedicated employees that want to make it happen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Denning motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:36 pm for the reasons listed on the agenda: personnel, 103.01 (4); and business strategy, 103.01 (7). Mrs. Franklin seconded the motion.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Ms. Lommatzsch, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 8:13 pm.

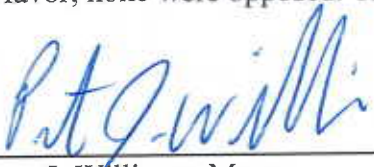
RESOLUTIONS:


- A) **Resolution No. 21-R-2701 – A resolution by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the interim city manager to enter into a fifth amendment to lease agreement with Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Division, Military Engines.**
- B) **Resolution No. 21-R-2702 – A resolution by the council of the City of Riverside, Ohio authorizing the interim city manager to enter into a second amendment to lease agreement with Goodrich Corporation.**

Mr. Denning motioned to pass both Resolution No. 21-R-2701 and 21-R-2702, lease agreements in Wright Point. Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion.

All were in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Denning motioned to adjourn. Ms. Campbell seconded. All were in favor; none were opposed. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.


Peter J. Williams, Mayor


Clerk of Council